Request of Tamil Nadu Government to ban extremist and Communal Organisations

1106. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Tamil Nadu has urged the Centre to immediately ban certain extremist, secessionist and communal organisations operating in the State;

(b) whether the State Government has also sought more Central assistance for modernising the State police force; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The proposals to ban the organizations arc carefully examined with reference to the available evidence before any view is taken in the matter, in consultation with the State Government and concerned agencies'Departments.

Funds under the Scheme of Modernisation of State Police Forces would be released to the State Government during the current financial year on receipt of complete utilization certificates for the funds released during the previous financial year.

Safety of life and property of people in Himachal Pradesh

† 1107. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken for the safety of life and property of the people of Himachal Pradesh in view of the growing influx of terrorists in the adjoining State of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) the details of the measures taken in this regard, District-wise?

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The State Govt, of Himachal Pradesh keeps continuous and close watch to prevent any spillover of militancy in J and K to the State, by being vigilant on Chamba border adjoining Doda district of J and K. No such movement of J and K terrorists has been noticed by the H.P. Police on this border of the State of Himachal Pradesh in the recent past.

Government of India continues to provide support to the Govt, of Himachal Pradesh to prevent any spilloever of militancy of J and K into Himachal Pradesh as Security Related Expenditure grants.

Proposal to abolish Article 370

1108. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to move for abolition of Article 370 of the Constitution; and

(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Loss of Home Minister's Briefing Papers

1109. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem "How North Block Babus nearly debriefed the Home Minister" published in the Hindustan Times dated 27th June, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) who are responsible for such a negligence in performing their duties and what serious action is being taken against such irresponsible persons; and